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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE HUDSPETH COUNTY JAIL

September 30, 2026

Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued September 22, 2026, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Minimum Standards Violated:	Corrective Measure Required	Date Corrective Action Must Be Completed
273.5(a)(2)	(2) Identification. Procedures for intake screening to identify inmates who are known to be or observed to be mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal and procedures for compliance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 and referrals to available mental health officials;	Upon receipt of this notice.

Of the 20 files, 3 were not processed in accordance with CCP 16.22. The 3 files processed incorrectly were sent to the magistrate late, ranging from 1 hour and 15 minutes to 36 hours.

275.4	Inmates shall be supervised by an adequate number of jailers to comply with state law and this chapter. One jailer shall be provided on each floor of the facility where 10 or more inmates are housed, with no less than 1 jailer per 48 inmates or increment thereof on each floor for direct inmate supervision. This jailer shall provide documented visual inmate supervision not less than once every 60 minutes. Sufficient staff to include supervisors, jailers and other essential personnel as accepted by the Commission shall be provided to perform required functions. A plan concurred in by both commissioners' court and sheriff's office, which provides for adequate and reasonable staffing of a facility, may be submitted to the Commission for approval. This rule shall not preclude the Texas Commission on Jail Standards from requiring staffing in excess of minimum requirements when deemed necessary to provide a safe, suitable, and sanitary facility nor preclude submission of variance requests as provided by statute or Chapter 299 of this title.	Upon receipt of this notice.
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The team discovered that only 2 jailers were on duty with an inmate count of 71. One jailer is required in the control room, leaving only one jailer on the floor to supervise the inmates.

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To empower local government to provide safe, secure and suitable local jail facilities through proper rules and procedures while promoting innovative programs and ideas

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Further investigation found that during the nights and weekends, the facility failed to meet the minimum standard requirement of 1 staff member per 48 inmates.

277.6 Each inmate shall be given the opportunity to shower at least every other day or more often if possible. Inmates on work assignments and those making court appearances shall be given an opportunity to shower daily. Inmates should be required to shower at least every other day. Whenever clearly justified for health or sanitary reasons, the sheriff/operator may require a shower.

Upon receipt of this notice.

A complaint was received that a shower had not been offered in 5 days. It was discovered that the shower in the cell was inoperable. Staff was unable to provide documentation indicating a shower had been offered.

279.1(5) (5) the maintenance of toilets, lavatories, showers, and other equipment throughout the facility in good working order;

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During the walk through it was discovered that the cold water in the holding cells and detox cells was inoperable. In addition, the hot and/or cold water in multiple lavatories was inoperable in housing unit C, H and P.

281.5 Food shall be prepared under the supervision of a staff member or contract employee who possesses a food handler license in accordance with 25 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §228.31(d) with a copy available for review. Food shall be served under the immediate supervision of a staff member. Care shall be taken that hot foods are served reasonably warm and that cold foods are served reasonably cold.

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Documentation indicated that only 2 jailers had completed a food handler safety course. Of those 2 jailers, neither was certified as a food manager, as required by the state health department.